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TEXAS BRANCH.—THE Folk-Lore Society of Texas held its Fourth Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 9, 1914, in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association building of the University of Texas. The following papers were presented: "The Passing of the Folk," Annual Address of the President, PROFESSOR W. H. THOMAS, College Station; "Folk-Lore Fields of the Southwest," by W. P. WEBB, Beeville, Tex.; "Folk-Lore as a Factor in determining Institutions," by PROFESSOR J. E. PEARCE, Austin, Tex.; "The Training-School Boy's Slang," by A. W. EDDINS, Gatesville, Tex.; "More Play-Party Songs," by R. E. DUDLEY, Valley View, Tex.; "Some American Versions of English and Scottish Ballads," DR. ROBERT A. LAW, University of Texas. Reports of the Treasurer and of the Nomination Committee were then read, after which the meeting adjourned.

MOLTKE MOE. — Professor Moltke Moe, of the University of Christiania, one of the foremost students of folk-lore in northern Europe, died Dec. 15, last year. He was the son of Bishop Jørgen Moe, the distinguished churchman and poet, who devoted a large part of his life to the collection and publication of Norwegian folk-tales, his co-worker in this enterprise being Peder Christian Asbjørnsen. Professor Moe was born in 1859, and in 1876 entered the University of Christiania, where he began his work in the field to which he was to devote his life. He made several journeys into the rural districts to collect folk-lore material, and since 1882 has received a yearly appropriation from the government for the prosecution of his researches. In 1886 he was made professor of Norwegian folk-language, with the duty of giving lectures also on folk-lore. Since 1899 he has been professor of folk-lore and mediæval literature. He has done much to promote popular interest in, and academic recognition of, the scientific study of folk-lore. He entered into the field of American folk-lore in his collaboration with Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, in the latter's volume, "Eskimo Life."

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ALCÉE FORTIER. — Alcée Fortier, professor of Romance languages at Tulane University, New Orleans, La., died Feb. 14, 1914. Professor Fortier was born at St. James Parish, La., on June 5, 1856. He devoted himself to the study of modern languages, and became particularly interested in the folk-lore of his State. In 1888 he published "Bits of Louisiana Folk-Lore;" and in 1895, an excellent collection of Louisiana folk-tales in the French local dialect, with English translation, which forms one of the memoirs of the American Folk-Lore Society. In 1894 he was President of the American Folk-Lore Society, in whose work he always took a lively interest.

ADOLPH FRANCIS BANDELIER. — On March 19, 1914, Adolph Francis Bandelier died in Seville, Spain, where he was conducting studies on behalf of the Carnegie Institution. He was born at Berne, Switzerland, on Aug. 6, 1840. Although Bandelier's interests were chiefly historical and archæological, he made valuable contributions to our knowledge of the

ethnology and folk-lore of the American Continent. His studies on the tenure of land and inheritance of the ancient Mexicans, published in 1878, and his investigations on the social organization and mode of government of the ancient Mexicans, have been of the greatest importance for our knowledge of ancient America. Later on his studies carried him to South America, where he spent many years. Some of the results of his studies have been published by the Hispanic Society of America, under the title "The Islands of Titicaca and Koati." After the completion of this volume, he went to Mexico in order to study and copy documents relating to the early history of the Indians of the Southwest. He died without being able to complete these researches.